Now, the very fact that failure is due to flaws in the rail metal means that the rails are not procured as per specifications. It seems there is a case for serious investigation. Would the hon. Minister direct some highlevel investigation into these procurements ?

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF : The specifications are with regard to quality, weight and other things. If there are certain flaws in the material used for manufacturing rails, we will find out. Generally, we take it up with the manufacturers and we do have investigation agencies which go into these aspects.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next question.

Kidnapping in Delhi

*43. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of kidnappings in Delhi has shown a rise;

(b) if so, what is the comparative percentage of kidnapping cases in the city during 1991-92 over the previous three years;

(c) the major causes identified by the police for rise in kidnappings cases, the number of kidnapping cases solved in 1991-92; and

(d) how does the police department proposed to solve the rising trend of kidnapping cases in the city ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) (a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Comparative increase/decrease in kidnapping cases registered in Delhi during 1992 as compared to the preceding three years in as follow :—

Year	Kidnapping cases registered	Number of cases in which no offence was made out	% increase/decrease over number of cases registered in the preceding year
1992	723	264	+ 10.55%
1991	654	304	+ 0.15%
1990	653	318	+ 1.39%
1989	644	321	—

According to the Delhi Police kidnapping case generally relatable to elopments, runaway children, and personal enmity. Of the 654 cases reported in 1991, no offence was made out in 304 cases. Of the remaining 350 cases, 226 cases were solved by the police.

To check he crime of kidnapping, kidnappers and other criminals having previous history are kept under surveillance. Intelligence gathering machinery has also been geared up. Motorcyle patrolling as well as Police Control Room surveillance have been intensified. In addition to the existing Squad for investigating kidnapping cases, a Special Cell has been set up in the Crime Branch for dealing with cases of kidnapping for ransom.

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : चेयरमैन सर, रावण ने सीता जी का अपहरण किया था बदला लेने की भावना से, बदला लेने की गर्ज से, आजकल जो अपहरण हो रहे हैं आजकल लोग पैसा लेने के लिए अपहरण कर रहे हैं । मैं समझता हूं कि इस अपराध में दो तबके के लोग तो वाकई खुशकिस्मत हैं । एक तो गरीब लोग जिनके पास पैसा नहीं और दूसरे वह लोग जिनकी औरतें खूबसूरत नहीं हैं । सर, सरकार ने एक बहुत सीरियस मामले को, इनकी अहमियत कम करने की कोशिश की है । सवाल के जवाब में सरकार लिखती है कि दिल्ली पुलिस के अनुसार अपहरण के मामलों का संबंध सामान्यत: प्रेमी-प्रेमिका के साथ भाग जाने के मामले हैं ।

This is how such serious matter in being treated.

मेरी सबमिशन यह है कि मेरा जो सवाल था कि कितने लोगों का दिल्ली के अंदर पिछले दिनों में अपहरण हुआ, जिसके अंदर डायमंड मर्चेंट शामिल थे, जिसके अंदर रोशनि न डिप्लेमैट शामिल था, जिसके अंदर सिनेमा हाल का ओनर सुधीर रायजादा शामिल था, जिसके अंदर शू मैनुफैक्चरर नरेन्द्र कुमार सिंगला शामिल था, जिसके अंदर . . . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please ask the question instead of giving the story. Please ask the question.

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : मेरा सवाल इन किडनैपिंग्स के बारे में था जो रैनसम के लिए, पैसा लेने के लिए किडनैपिंग्स की जा रही हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have asked the question. Please sit down.

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : मैं क्वेश्चन पूछ रहा हूं । मैं एक छोटी-सी बात कहूंगा कि एक मामला सोनू बच्चा क, 6-7 साल का बच्चा, जो कि 20 मार्च, 1993 का अगहृत हुआ, दुर्गा पार्क कालोनी से जनकपुरी से, अभी तक होम मिनिस्टर को भी चिट्ठी लिखी गई । दो एम.पीज सुरजना साहब ने, हमारी कुलीग सत्या बहिन हैं उन्होंने भी लिखा, लेकिन उन्होंने जो उसकी चिट्ठियां आई हैं रैनसम की दस-दस लाख की वह चिट्ठियां भी पुलिस को हैंड ओवर कर दीं, अभी तक उस मामले के अंदर कुछ नहीं किया गया । मैं सरकार से यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि ऐसे संगीन अपराध के लिए सरकार लोगों में विश्वास पैदा क्यों नहीं कर पा रही है और सरकार लोगों में विश्वास पैदा हो सके, बहुत सारे मामले हैं और यह तो कहते हैं कि 10 परसेंट वृद्धि हुई है ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please sit down. You have asked the question. You cannot go on like this.

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : मैं क्वेश्चन पूछ रहा हूं । I am asking the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have asked question Please sit down now.

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : मैं होम मिनिस्टर जी से यह पूछना चाह रहा हूं कि लोगों में विश्वास पैदा करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ? लेकिन बहुत सारे केसेज के अंदर अपहरण के केसेज को . . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : You are repeating the question. Please sit down.

कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे : लोगों का अपहरण होता है उन्होंने जो आंकड़ा मांगा है सरकार से, लोगों का अपहरण, डायमंड मर्चेंट का अपहरण, उनके बच्चों का अपहरण और यहां पर इन्होंने आदर्श महिला सीता जी के अपहरण का कैसे विषय आता है, खूबसूरत महिलाओं का प्रश्न यहां कैसे उठाया जाता है? यह इन्होंने कहा है ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : He is asking as to what the Government is doing to create confidence.

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : He can ask a question in regard to creating confidence among the people, but where does Sita come in here ?

श्री विट्ठलराव माधवराव गाडगे : इन्होंने सीता का कहकर सारी महिलाओं को अपमानित किया है ।

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : The figures are as follows. In 1990, the number of persons kidnapped is 681 number of persons recovered is 594; number of ransom cases is 10. In 1991, the number of persons kidnapped is 688; number of persons recovered is 606; number of ransom cases is 11. In 1992, the number of persons kidnapped happens to be 740; number of persons recovered is 597; number of ransom cases in 12. In 1993, the number of persons kidnapped is 153; number of persons recovered is 105; number of ransom cases is 8.

Therefore, in regard to recovery, there is a marked improvement. It is true that of late, there is an increase in kidnapping cases. A number of steps have been taken to prevent, contain, such crimes in the society, particularly, in Delhi

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : महोदय, मैं आपका ध्यान मुकेश जैन के किडनैपिंग की तरफ दिलाना चाहता हूं जिसमें कि ढाई करोड़ की राशि रैनसम के लिए देना बयान किया जाता है । महोदय, मैं होम मिनिस्टर साहब से यह पूछना चाहूंगा कि क्या आपके नॉटिस में यह बात है कि पुलिस भी बहुत सारे अपहरण के केसेज में इन्वाल्व होती है और इस केस के अंदर एक पुलिस इंसपेक्टर ने यह सौदा ढाई करोड़ रुपया देकर उसको छुड़ाने का कराया, क्या यह सरकार के नोटिस में है और क्या यह सरकार के नोटिस में है कि एक बिहार के सिटिंग मिनिस्टर के घर पर उसको चार दिन तक रखा गया ? क्या यह मामला जोकि दैनिक जागरण में 28-3-93 को छपा है जिसमें लिखा है कि ढाई करोड़ की राशि पास हुई, तो वह इंस्पेक्टर जिसने यह सौदा कराया वह उसको ट्रेस करने के लिए, इस मामले की जांच करने के लिए बनी स्क्वाड का मेंबर था और उसी ने यह सौदा तय कराया ? गाजियाबाद में ढाई करोड़ रुपये का पेमेंट हुआ और तब मुकेश जैन को छोड़ा गया ।

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : Sir, what the hon. Member is stating is a very serious thing. I am prepared to take the full responsibility of enquiring into the matter and take the *strictest* action against the police officer if he is involved, but the hon. Member should also take the responsibility of stating the facts and supplying the information. I am prepared to give an assurance that I will take very strict action against the police officer involved.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, I would crave your indulgence for partly repeating the question put by Mr. Lather because that question, I believe, has not been properly answered. There has not only been rise in the number of kidnapping cases, there has also been a qualitative change in the kidnapping scene of Delhi.

It has already been mentioned that two industrialists were successfully kidnapped recently and they paid a huge ransom. According to the TV commentary made on Doordarshan one industrialist paid a ransom ranging from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 5 crores. It was made on our Doordarshan. So, what information does the Home Minister have in regard to these facts ?

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : We do not have the facts that he has mentioned.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : You do not watch Doordarshan; you watch Star and Zee T.V.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : This comment was made on Doordarshan that Mr. Mukesh Jain is believed to have paid a ransom ranging from Rs. 1 crore to 5 crores. What is the Government doing ? Mr. Saigal was successfully kidnapped and he came back apparently without the assistance of the Police Department. What do we infer from this ? What information has the Government got on this ?

SHI S. B. CHAVAN : The Government cannot have any kind of information in matters where independently they decide among themselves as to how much ransom is to be paid. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : What does the Government do? Has the Government totally failed?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : They should have all the information about Mukesh Jain.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : I am on my feet. He is responding to my question.

मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी : जो आम आदमी को मालूम है वह सरकार को नहीं मालूम है ।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : What is even more dangerous is the implication of the formulation of the Home Minister. The Home Minister is saying that the Government of India has no responsibility in the matter if the kidnapper and kidnapped strike a deal between each other. Can there be a more glaring example of abdication of Government authority? Do we have a Government here? We have the Home Minister, but do we have the Government here?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : In fact, as the hon. Member is repeating the same thing, I would request him to give information if he has any, because unless the information is given to us. (*Interruptions*). There can be a number of cases and if they were to decide among themselves, how can you expect the Government to take action? Of course, it is a serious matter. I understand that.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : The press reports say this, Have you not looked into the press reports?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : In fact, it becomes the responsibility of the police to investigate into it and find out why it is that they have not reported the matter to the police.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : What has your police done?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Shri Mukesh Jain is a resident of Delhi. Why have they not investigated into this case? Why don't you have all the information?

They cannot hide behind that. I am sorry. This question has to be answered. He cannot expect Members to supply him newspaper reports. He cannot expect Members to give him what Doordarshan broadcasts. He cannot say that he does not have any information. This is absolutely inexcusable. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : They have to give a concrete answer or they have to answer the charges against Doordarshan for having made a statement like this. But it is a serious matter that the Home Minister says that he is not responsible or accountable for this. He cannot afford to talk like this. ...(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : I don't think he has said that he was not accountable. He said that he did not have that information. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : No, no, no.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Government should find it out. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : After this statement by the Home Minister, the kidnappings will increase, and the people will be forced to make private agreements with kidnappers. This is the message that the Home Minister of the country is sending that you arrive at an understanding with kidnappers, that you settle yourself. ....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : This statement must be withdrawn because this will mean a different message to kidnappers. It will mean that kidnappers can do kidnapping at their will and that the kidnapped can enter into a deal with them while the Government will become neutral and will have no machinery. It will mean more of kidnappings. It will mean a totally irresponsible Government in the

citadel of power. This is a very serious thing. I implore upon you kindly to request the hon. Minister to withdraw the statement. Kindly understand the serious implications of the statement he is making.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : I have already stated that the Government is not fully absolving itself. The police is also supposed to investigate into the matter. The information that we give here is about cases registered with the police, and that is why I said that the information could not become available but that it became the responsibility of the police even to go into the matter and find out how it was that they had not registered the case with them, had not reported the case to them. That becomes their responsibility. .... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Kidnappers are going to be emboldened by the statement.

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister's statement is not only disappointing but causes concern. These two cases that Mr. Jaipal Reddy has cited, have taken place in Delhi, in, what is called, the affluent areas of Delhi. The cases have been registered. The police have investigated into them. The two gentlemen have come back, and they have refused to make a statement so far as the public is concerned, but, then, the statements have been made on Doordarshan. The hon. Home Minister is duty-bound to find out what happened, now it happened and who were paid. In the case of Mr. Jain, even a murder took place. The *chowkidar* was killed by the kidnappers. I think the hon. Minister is playing a very innocent game. This is a matter of grave concern to us, and I am really disappointed that a man of experience like him should have made this statement. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shrimati Kamla Sinha.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : No, no, no.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Has the Minister to say anything more ?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Mr. I. K. Gujaral put a question. The Home Minister should answer it.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : According to the information that has been supplied, Mr. Jain and Mr. Sehgal have not disclosed payment of ransom. In fact, they have denied it.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Do you expect the kidnapped who paid a ransom, to confess it to you ? What did the police department do to find out the facts on its own ? What is happening to the murder case ?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : I do not know. I have been repeatedly saying, inspite of all this, though the matter has not been reported, it becomes the responsibility of the police officers to go deep into the matter and try to find out and register the case, if possible. .... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Sir, Mr. Makesh Jain may or may not have told the details. But the fact of the matter is that in the process of kidnapping Mr. Jain, his Chowkidar was killed. Therfore, it is a murder case also. Isn't the Government duty-bound to find out from Mr. Jain as to who the murderers were because that line of trail is there ?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Sir, we want a discussion on this.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You give a notice.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Yes, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.